REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. By this submission, claims 2, 5, 6, and 23

have been amended and claims 1, 4, 11-22 and 24 have been canceled without

prejudice.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 6 and claims dependent therefrom are allowable

if claim 6 is written in independent form. Claim 6 has been amended to include the

limitations of claim 1 and intervening claim 4. As such, Applicant submits that

independent claim 6 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 7-10 depend from

claim 6 and are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 23 has been amended to recite a computer readable medium and

has also been amended to include similar limitations to those of claim 6. As such,

Applicant submits that independent claim 23 is in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable action on this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any further concerns regarding the language of the claims or the applicability of the cited references, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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